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Two Proposed Initiatives Enter Circulation

1. *Limits on Class Size. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.*
2. *Sexual Orientation, Status, Conduct or Relationships. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.*

SAN FRANCISCO --- Secretary of State Kevin Shelley announced yesterday that the proponents of two new initiatives have received clearance to begin collecting petition signatures for their measures.

The Attorney General's official titles and summaries are as follows:

LIMITS ON CLASS SIZE. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Directs Legislature, by beginning of 2012 school year, to ensure number of public school students per class does not exceed fifteen in kindergarten through third grade, twenty in grades four through eight, and twenty-five in grades nine through twelve. Requires Legislature, beginning with 2005-2006 school year, to provide for a reduction of average class size by at least two students per year until class size requirements are met. Provides that the costs associated with these class size reductions shall be state, not local school district, responsibility.

The proponent, Peter Mathews must collect 598,105 signatures of registered voters for the constitutional amendment. The 150-day deadline to circulate petitions is March 1, 2004. The proponent can be reached at (562) 433-9242.

SEXUAL ORIENTATION, STATUS, CONDUCT OR RELATIONSHIPS. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Amends the California Constitution to repeal, and to prohibit the enforcement or enactment of, all state laws and policies providing protected status, quota preference or other preferential treatment to homosexual, bisexual, transsexual, or transvestite orientation, status, conduct, or relationships. "State" is defined to include any city, county, public university, community college district, school district, regional or local agency, and any other political subdivision or governmental entity in the state of California.

The proponent, Lee W. Olson, must collect 598,105 signatures of registered voters for the constitutional amendment. The 150-day deadline to circulate petitions is March 1, 2004. The proponent can be reached at 16458 Bolsa Chica Street #155, Huntington Beach, CA 92949

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